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Reliable Booting Device

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This paper is submitted in response to the Final Action of October 31, 2003, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.